

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-20 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 21-44 as follows:

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--21. A tube sock-shaped covering for enclosing an amputation stump, said covering having an open end for introduction of said stump and a closed end opposite said open end, said covering comprising fabric in the shape of a tube sock coated on only one side thereof with a foamed or non-foamed polymeric material.

22. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 20²¹, wherein said polymeric material comprises thermoplastic elastomer. ✓

23. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 20²¹, wherein said polymeric material comprises silicon containing elastomer. ✓

24. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 20²¹, wherein said polymeric material comprises thermoset silicone. ✓

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25. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 21, wherein said fabric is selected from the group consisting of ~~supplex~~ ^{aramid fiber fabrics,} nylon, nylon, looped nylon, spandex[^] and blends of nylon and spandex.

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26. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 22, wherein said fabric is selected from the group consisting of ~~supplex~~ ^{aramid fiber fabrics,} nylon, nylon, looped nylon, spandex[^] and blends of nylon and spandex.

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27. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 23, wherein said fabric is selected from the group consisting of ~~supplex~~ ^{aramid fiber fabrics,} nylon, nylon, looped nylon, spandex[^] and blends of nylon and spandex.

28. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 24, wherein said fabric is selected from

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the group consisting of ^{*aramid fiber fabrics,*} supplex nylon, nylon, looped nylon, spandex, and blends of nylon and spandex.

29. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 25, wherein said fabric is nylon.

30. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 26, wherein said fabric is nylon.

31. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 27, wherein said fabric is nylon.

32. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 28, wherein said fabric is nylon.

33. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 25, wherein said fabric is a blend of nylon and spandex.

34. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 26, wherein said fabric is a blend of nylon and spandex.

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35. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 27, wherein said fabric is a blend of nylon and spandex.

36. The tube sock-shaped covering of Claim 28, wherein said fabric is a blend of nylon and spandex.

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37. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said polymeric material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

38. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 22, wherein said polymeric material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

39. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 23, wherein said polymeric material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

40. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 24, wherein said polymeric material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

41. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 25, wherein said polymeric

material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

42. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 26, wherein said polymeric material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

43. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 27, wherein said polymeric material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

44. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 28, wherein said polymeric material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

45. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 29, wherein said polymeric material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

46. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 30, wherein said polymeric material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

47. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 31, wherein said polymeric material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

48. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 32, wherein said polymeric material has a Shore A durometer of from 1-20.

49. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said polymeric material is arranged so as to provide an interface between said stump and a prosthetic device when worn by an amputee and includes a recessed area towards the open end of the covering, said recess overlying the back of a knee or elbow when worn by an amputee, such that said polymeric material is absent or thinned at said recess so as to minimally contact or not contact the skin at the back of a knee or elbow when worn by an amputee.

50. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 22, wherein said polymeric material is arranged so as to provide an interface between said stump and a prosthetic device

when worn by an amputee and includes a recessed area towards the open end of the covering, said recess overlying the back of a knee or elbow when worn by an amputee, such that said polymeric material is absent or thinned at said recess so as to minimally contact or not contact the skin at the back of a knee or elbow when worn by an amputee.

51. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 23, wherein said polymeric material is arranged so as to provide an interface between said stump and a prosthetic device when worn by an amputee and includes a recessed area towards the open end of the covering, said recess overlying the back of a knee or elbow when worn by an amputee, such that said polymeric material is absent or thinned at said recess so as to minimally contact or not contact the skin at the back of a knee or elbow when worn by an amputee.

52. The tube sock-shaped covering as claimed in Claim 24, wherein said polymeric material is arranged so as to provide an interface between said stump and a prosthetic device when worn by an amputee and includes a recessed area towards the open end of the covering, said recess overlying the back of a knee or elbow when worn by an amputee, such that said polymeric material is absent or thinned at said recess so as to minimally contact or not contact the skin at the back of a knee or elbow when worn by an amputee.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

The above amendments to the specification correct a typographical error (silicon/silicone, P. 5) and further describe original Figures. These changes are supported at page 12, lines 13-14 and by original Figures 5, 6, 7 and 9 which depict invention tube sock-shaped cushion liners and cushion locking liners. Support for the claimed polymeric material may be found at specification page 22, 2-6 lines up from the bottom and at specification page